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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON VIOLATIONS OF DEMILITARIZED
STATUS OF EAST BERLIN

REFS: A) USBERLIN 671; B) USBERLIN 672

1. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSWER ADVISED ABRASIMOV DURING APRIL 4 LUNCHEON DISCUSSION IN WHICH ABRASIMOV PRESENTED STANDARD SOVIET LIST OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED FRG VIOLATIONS OF QA THAT ALLIES ALSO OBJECTED TO CERTAIN GDR PRACTICES, INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF BERLIN'S DEMILITARIZED STATUS (REFA). CHAIRMAN POLAD (BRITISH), ALSO REFERRED TO GDR VIOLATIONS OF CITY'S DEMILITARIZED STATUS WHEN REBUTTING INFORMALLY SOVIET APRIL 7 PROTEST ON POLICE SEARCHES OF REICHSBAHN AND S-BAHN PREMISES, AND PROMISED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT MORE FORMALLY AT LATER DATE. MISSIONS HAVE NOW PREPARED FOR EMBASSY APPROVAL FOLLOWING STATEMENT INTENDED TO BE MADE ORALLY BY CHAIRMAN POLAD TO SOVIET
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EMBASSY COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV:

BEGIN TEXT: THE THREE ALLIES HAVE NOTED THE RECENT PUBLICATION IN THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT FUER GROSS-BERLIN OF A RESOLUTION ON SOCIALIST MILITARY EDUCATION PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY. THEY ARE ALSO AWARE OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN 1974. IN ADDITION, THE THREE ALLIES HAVE NOTED A NUMBER OF ITEMS OF LEGISLATION CONCERNING DEFENCE AND MILITARY SERVICE IN THE GDR WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE EASTERN SECTOR AND PUBLISHED IN THE VERORDNUNGSBLATT FUER GROSS-BERLIN. THEY WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO REFER TO THE REGULAR PUBLICATION BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE GDR OF THE CALL-UP ANNOUNCEMENT, BASED ON A 1962 GDR LAW ON CONSCRIPTION. A LIST OF OTHER SIMILAR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS CONCERNED WITH MILITARY MATTERS IS ATTACHED.

THE THREE ALLIES DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO THESE BREACHES OF THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN AND REMIND THOSE AUTHORITIES OF THE FACT THAT THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY REMAINS, LIKE THE WESTERN SECTORS, SUBJECT TO QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS RELATING TO GREATER BERLIN. THE THREE WESTERN POWERS REMIND THE SOVIET UNION OF ITS OBLIGATION AS A SIGNATORY OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE STRICTLY OBSERVED. THEY CONTINUE TO HOLD THE SOVIET UNION RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF ITS SECTOR AND CALL UPON THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THIS DEMILITARIZED STATUS IS RESPECTED. END TEXT:

2. DELIVERY OF STATEMENT WILL NO DOUBT CAUSE SOVIETS TO REPEAT STANDARD ARGUMENTATION THAT SOVIETS NO LONGER HAVE SECTOR OF BERLIN, BUT IT SHOULD ALSO SERVE TO REMIND SOVIETS THAT TWO CAN PLAY AT GAME OF COMPLAINING ABOUT GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN. BRITISH (IN CHAIR) WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER STATEMENT PRIOR TO MAY 1, WHEN STANDARD ALLIED STATEMENT TO PRESS OBJECTING TO MILITARY ASPECTS OF MAY DAY PARADE WILL BE ISSUED, ASSUMING GDR MILITARY UNITS AGAIN PARTICIPATE. GEORGE

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